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LTUBJ: GOR INTEREST IN PURCHASE OF NUCLEAR EQUIPMENT

REF: DOBBIN/AVRAM MEMCON OF APRIL 17

1. IN RECENT MEETING WITH AMB TO REVIEW RESULTS OF HIS TRIP TO US, MIN HEAVY MACHINE BUILDING AVRAM RAISED, VIAS HE HAD WITH COMMERCE ASST. SEC. DOBBIN (REFERENCED MEMCON), ROMANIAN INTEREST IN PURCHASING NUCLEAR EQUIPMENT FROM US SOURCES OR CANADIAN SUBSIDIARIES OF US FIRMS (BABCOCK-WILCOX, BYRON JACKSON). HAVING BEEN INFORMED BY FIRMS THAT BILATERAL AGREEMENT WAS PREREQUISITE FOR EQUIPMENT SALES, AVRAM ASKED AMBASSADOR TO CLARIFY WHAT TYPE OF AGREEMENT WOULD BE REQUIRED. FROM HIS DISCUSSIONS AVRAM IS UNDER IMPRESSION THAT ONLY FEW COMPONENTS IN WHICH GOR INTERESTED WOULD BE SENSITIVE FROM CONTROL STANDPOINT.

2. TO FACILITATE USG CONSIDERATION AMBASSADOR ASKED FOR SPECIFIC DETAILS CONCERNING EQUIPMENT GOR SEEKING. MINISTRY HAS PROMISED US COPY OF LIST WHICH PREVIOUSLY GIVEN TO BABCOCK-WOLCOX AND BYRON-JACKSON.

3. WE REQUEST DEPARTMENT CONFIRM AVRAM'S UNDERSTANDING THAT BILATERAL IS REQUIRED FOR SALE OF NUCLEAR EQUIPMENT AND,
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ASSUMING HIS ASSUMPTION CORRECT, INFORM US WHAT PROSPECTS ARE

FOR CONCLUDING SUCH AGREEMENT WITH GOR. FOR OUR DISCUSSIONS WITH MINISTRY IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO HAVE BACKGROUND RE STANDARD PROVISIONS NORMALLY INCLUDED WITHIN BILATERAL. WE WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE RECEIVING COPY OF TYPICAL BILATERAL WHICH CURRENTLY IN FORCE.

4. QUITE POSSIBLE THAT ROMANIAN DELEGATION TO ROMANIAN-US ECONOMIC COUNCIL MAY SEIZE OPPORTUNITY OF STAY IN WASHINGTON TO MAKE ADDITIONAL SOUNDINGS ON AGREEMENT. MIRCEA BARBALESCU OF MINHEAVY MACHINE BUILDING, WHO ACCOMPANIED AVRAM TO US, IS SLATED TO BE MEMBER OF GOR TEAM.
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